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Rockville, MD 20857-0003

To the FDA:

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RE: DOCKET NO. 98N-1265

I am sending this letter as a consumer of healthcare services to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, SEVERELY restricts the rights of the physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. As a healthcare consumer, there should be NO restrictions to the delivery of a compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I may live or may travel. THE MOU MUST BE AMENDED!!!

I presently live in Gastonia, North Carolina and am taking a compounded medication prescribed for me. I receive this compounded medication from Madison, Wisconsin. I suffered many years until I found a physician who was able to prescribe this medication for me, and I have been doing excellent since I have been taking it. I do NOT want to go back to the condition I was in before I found this particular medication that seems perfect for my condition!

The FDA is an agency of the U.S. Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for consumer safety. THIS IS NOT A SAFETY ISSUE!! As a governmental agency, the FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to the people. Once again, the MOU MUST BE AMENDED!!!

Thank you,

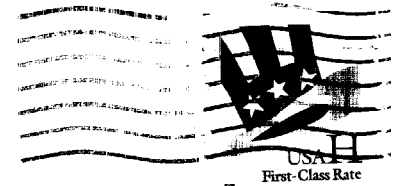
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